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Brazil: The pro-Moscow Brazilian Communist Party has called for a united front "to initiate action against the government."

The party's executive commission last week circulated a note accusing a group of "gorilla generals" of perpetrating a new coup. The statement asked that all labor, students, intellectuals, and churchmen "unite in the struggle against tyranny and in defense of the rights of men and democratic liberties."

Party members were ordered to unite with such disparate groups as the middle class, the opposition political leaders Lacerda and Kubitschek, and the Catholic Church. The latter was described as having "intensified its activity on the side of the people." The policy of seeking the cooperation of the church is particularly significant.

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Opposition to the government is poorly organized at present, and students and the church have so far been cowed. Moderates will probably continue to refuse to work with the Communists, but certain radical church and student leaders might be tempted to do so.

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NOTES

Italy - Communist China: Italy has decided to recognize Peking. Foreign Minister Nenni told the US ambassador that the decision was based on a long-held government position. Nenni noted that it had been officially stated in Parliament nearly five years ago that it was a question not of whether, but when Italy would recognize Communist China. Nenni said that despite the decision Italy would vote in next year's UN General Assembly to consider Chinese representation an "important question." It would then, however, either vote to seat Peking or abstain.

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